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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of)
Strobel et al.)
on METHOD FOR MAKING DIE BOARDS,) Group Art Unit: 1733
AND MATERIALS AND APPARATUS FOR)
PRACTICING THE METHOD)
Serial No.: 09/271,416) (Our Docket No. P48-1229)
Filed: March 17, 1999)

Hartford, Connecticut, September 3, 1999

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

S I R:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please add the following new claims:

-- 30. A rotary cutting tool for generating slots in die boards
comprising:

an upper cutting portion defining a first outer diameter and a lower
cutting portion defining a second outer diameter extending from and coaxial with
said first cutting portion; and wherein

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